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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Friday, the 6th July 1962.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, the Deputy Chairman (Sri V. K. PALANISWAMY GOUNDER) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Secondary Schools.

* 97 *Q.*—Vidwan T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of secondary schools run by (i) the Government and (ii) the private management as on 1st July 1960 in the State; and

(*b*) the number of secondary schools in which Tamil Pandits are handling Tamil from I Form to III Form?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—

(*a*) Government Schools—100.
Private Schools—610.

(*b*) Generally Tamil classes are handled by Tamil Pandits in Forms I to III of Secondary schools. Information regarding the actual number of Tamil Pandits employed for the purpose in the schools is not available. The time and labour involved in collecting the particulars will not be commensurate with the public interest that may be served.

வித்துவான் டி. முத்துக்கண்ணப்பன்: ஐயா, முதல் மூன்று படிவங்களிலும் ஆறுவது முதல் எட்டாவது வகுப்பு வரையிலும் மொழி ஆசிரியர்கள் கற்றுக் கொடுத்தால்தான் மொழி தரமாக இருக்கும். ஆதலால், செகண்டரி கிரேடு ஆசிரியர்கள் கற்றுக் கொடுக்கக் கூடாது என்றும், மொழி ஆசிரியர்களே கற்றுக் கொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்றும் அரசாங்கம் விதி உண்டாக்குமா ?

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம்: தமிழ் பண்டிதர்கள் இல்லா விட்டால், வேறு ஆசிரியர்கள் நியமிக்கப்படுவார்கள்.

(Mr. Chairman in the Chair.)

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are the Government aware, Sir, that Pandits with First Grade qualifications are asked to handle forms I to III and paid the second grade scale of pay and may I know whether there is any proposal before the Government to convert all these posts held by I Grade Pandits as I Grade posts?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There is no such proposal, Sir.

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SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Since there are a number of qualified Tamil Pandits available throughout the State, I think there won't be any difficulty in getting Pandits to take up teaching in Forms I to III. Therefore, would the Government insist that only qualified Pandits should handle Tamil in the lower forms also?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : If specific instances where Tamil Pandits are not employed to handle Forms I to III are brought to the notice of the Government, necessary enquiries will be made.

DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Will the Government be pleased to issue an order saying that it will be operative in respect of the future appointments at least?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I would like to have specific instances brought to the notice of the Government. I believe generally Tamil Pandits are available and they are appointed.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : In view of the importance of Tamil as it has become the official language of the State, would the Government appoint a committe to go into the question of qualified Pandits being given their due salaries?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Apart from Tamil being the official language, it is the mother tongue of the people here and it is the regional language. I do not think it is necessary to appoint a committee for the purpose.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER : The second grade teachers particularly this year are going through the gloomy prospect of retrenchment.

MR. CHAIRMAN : That is not a supplementary question. The hon. Member must put a question and not give information.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN : But that was not a supplementary question.

Scales and measures

* 98 *Q.*—DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any instructions have been issued to traders to make use of scales and measures bearing Hindi letters indicating the extent to which things can be weighed in the scales and measures; and

(*b*) if so, to place a copy on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) Under Schedule VI of the Madras Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Rules, 1958, the capacity of weighing instruments which include also beam scales should be indicated in English and Hindi. Under Schedule V of